

(6) The point of the $\frac{1}{n!}$ was to make $P_{f,a}^k(x)$ have same derivatives at $x=a$ as $f(x)$ up through k^{th} derivative.

In several variables, say $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$

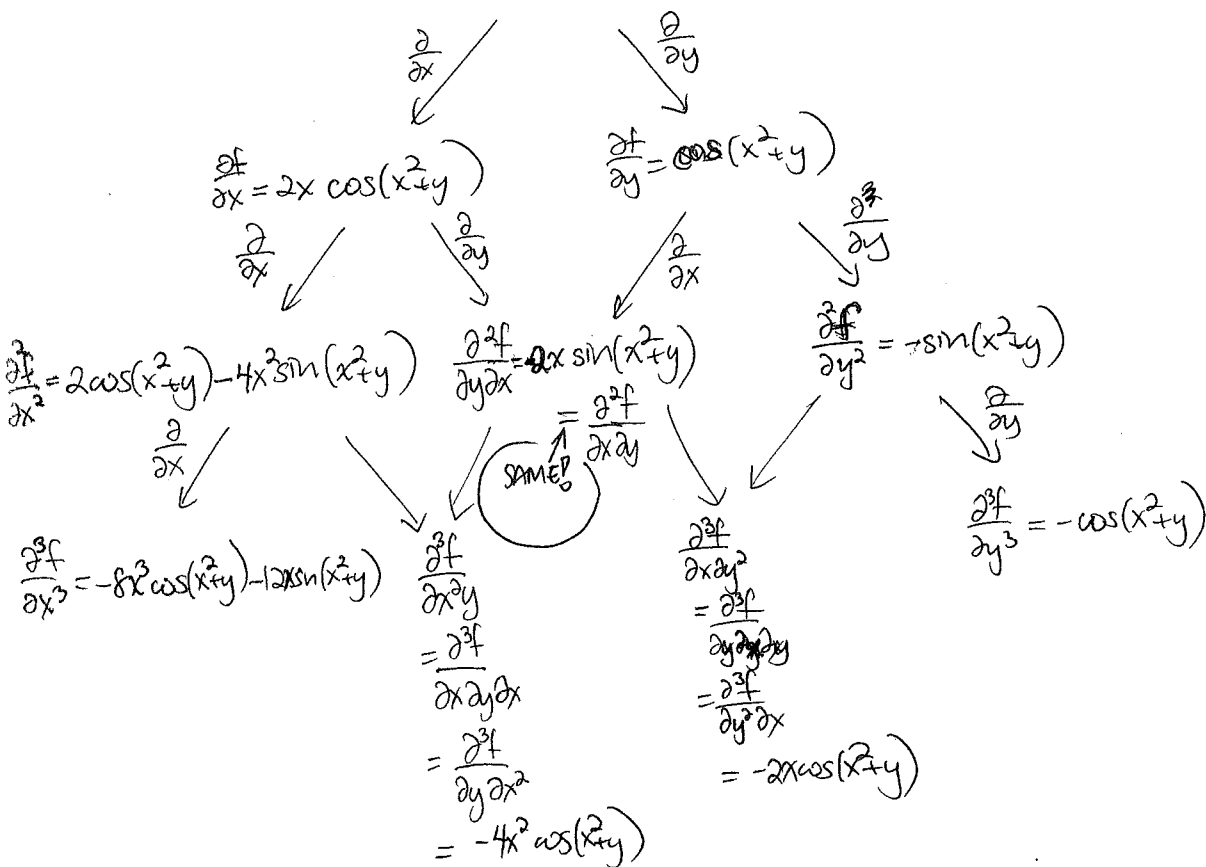
$$\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto f(\bar{x})$$

has many higher partial derivatives. How to index them?

EXAMPLE:

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x,y) = \sin(x^2+y)$$



THM 3.3.9 + COR 3.3.11: If $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$ has each $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ differentiable, then $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \quad \forall i,j$

If it has each $(k-1)^{\text{th}}$ order partial derivative differentiable, then each k^{th} order partial derivative is independent of order of $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$'s.

Assuming this for the moment, define $D_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)} f := \frac{\partial^k f}{\partial x_{i_1} \partial x_{i_2} \dots \partial x_{i_k}} = D_I f$

(actually, let's not do the proof in lecture; see proof in book Appendix A.9, or Birkhoff's Lecture 31)

showing $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t^2} (f(a_1, \dots, a_i+t, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_n) - f(a_1, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_i+t, \dots, a_n) - f(a_1, \dots, a_i+t, \dots, a_i+t, \dots, a_n) + f(a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_n))$, which is symmetric in i, j